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Hans Heinrich HEIDTMANN *et al.*

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Group Art Unit: 1642

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Examiner: M. Davis

For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR EXPRESSING ACTIVE SUBSTANCES
WHICH CAN BE ACTIVATED BY PROTEASES, AND PREPARATION AND USE

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) TO EXPUNGE
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Applicants respectfully request that the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement (PIDS) filed in connection with the above-identified application be expunged and returned to applicants. Attached is a \$130 check for the petition fee.

The following information is submitted in support of this petition:

1. The PIDS was submitted in accordance with MPEP § 724 and §724.02.
2. The petitioner will retain the proprietary information for the period of any patent with regard to which such information is submitted.
3. The PIDS is requested to be expunged as it is deemed to be Proprietary material.
4. The information being expunged has not been otherwise made public.
5. This Petition is being submitted by the same party who originally submitted

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the PTO expunge the 09/256,237
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Respectfully submitted,

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